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SUBJECT: CLAIMS FOR LOSS OF PERSONAL EFFECTS BY  
RETURNED AMERICAN CIVILIAN POW'S

1. U.S. CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS IN SVN WHO WERE CAPTURED BY COMMUNIST SIDE IN 1968 HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN EFFORTS THUS FAR TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT FOR TOOLS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS LOST AT TIME OF CAPTURE. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN SPECIFICALLY TO CASE OF PA&E EMPLOYEE ROBERT OLSON, WHO WAS CAPTURED BY NVN FORCES IN HUE IN TET, 1968 OFFENSIVE AND RELEASED IN HANOI IN MARCH, 1973. OLSON HAS FILED CLAIM FOR APPROX. \$4900 WORTH OF TOOLS AND PERSONAL EFFECTS LOST AT TIME OF HIS CAPTURE BUT HAS RECEIVED NO COMPENSATION THUS FAR.

2. PA&E HEADQUARTERS IN LOS ANGELES SAYS OLSON'S AND OTHER EMPLOYEE'S CLAIMS INFORMATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THEIR OFFICE IN SAIGON FOR ACTION. THEY DO NOT KNOW REASON FOR DELAY AND BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR EMBOFF TO CHECK WITH PA&E AND WITH THE CONTRACTING OFFICER TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

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